

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 2846 - HB 3131

March 24, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits physicians from billing a facility in which they have a financial interest for anatomic pathology or cytology services unless they personally render the services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 27, 2004 we issued a fiscal note that indicated the impact of this bill was minimal. Based on additional information provided by the Department of Health, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

Other Fiscal Impact - If this bill prevents third party billing by pathology laboratories the ability of the Department of Health to provide family planning services on a sliding fee scale, as required by federal law, might be prohibited. This would jeopardize federal funding up to \$5,900,000 for family planning services.

According to the Department of Health, family planning services are provided to clients and fees charged on a sliding scale as required by federal law. The department then utilizes and reimburses pathology laboratories that are under contract with the state. If the bill prevented such third party billing and required direct billing of patients, the department could not utilize a sliding fee scale as required by federal law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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